

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

1:00 P.M.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11th day of January, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel and County Clerk Ruzicka. County Highway Superintendent Johnson was present later in the afternoon. County Attorney White was absent. Current Vice Chairman Ruppel called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Vice Chairman Ruppel referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Vice Chairman Ruppel called the Reorganization meeting to order at 1:05 PM

Steckel moved to nominate and appoint David Larson to the chairperson position for 2023 and cease nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ruppel moved to nominate and appoint Donna Steckel to the vice chairman position for 2023 and cease nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Taylor Branch, UBT, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as the County's depositories for 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 279.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Larson to serve on the Region #26 Council for 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ruppel moved for the adoption of a resolution regarding forced spraying and individual notices pursuant to the noxious weed control act. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 280.

Steckel moved to set the following wage scales and to make the following appointments for 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Steckel, Region III Governing Board/Mental Health Board: Steckel, County Doctor: Dr. Holmquist, County newspaper: The Burwell Tribune and the Custer County Chief, Single hand labor: minimum wage, Farm/Tractor labor: to be negotiated between the county and party on a per job basis, Loup Basin Public Health: Ruppel, Loup Basin: RC&D: Larson/Steckel alternate.

Steckel moved to audit the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

**GENERAL FUND**

SALARIES		\$26,244.32
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$6,000.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$229.90
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,781.27
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$2,396.69
LARSON HSA ACCOUNT	HSA FLATWATER	\$600.00
ADVANTAGE LASER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$175.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$760.00
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$1,015.47
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$174.56
CPPD	ELECTRCITY	\$191.71
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	JAN PAYMENT	\$65.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE	\$40.00
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN SPANEL	CASH PD OUT	\$32.38
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$625.66
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$780.00
GLW	DEC.'22JAN'23	\$3,553.36
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$479.56
HOLT COUNTY TREASURER	1HALF FY 22/23	\$174.75
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE	\$40.00
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA RUZICKA	CELLPHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMRG MANAGER	\$75.00
LOUP CENTRAL LANDFILL	2022 PORTION	\$563.00
MARYJO JONES	CASH PD OUT	\$64.49
MICHAEL STARR	SNOW REMOVAL	\$125.00
MICROFILM	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,007.84
PSAN	DUES	\$200.00
REGION 26	DUES	\$8,607.90
SCHAPER & WHITE	SEC. SALARY	\$500.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$493.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	JAN PAYMENT	\$1,060.00
VERIZON	PHONE	\$82.87
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	JAN PAYMENT	\$49.08
WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	PLAT MAPS X7	\$147.70
ZANE YOUNG	CASH PD OUT	\$252.50
		\$58,857.83

**AMBULANCE FUND**

DEARBON INS COMPANY	INSURANCE	\$30.96
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$102.57
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES	\$52.99
		\$186.52

**ROAD FUND**

Salaries		\$12,064.34
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$814.34
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$900.77
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,109.10
CARQUEST	PARTS	\$166.50

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,268.48
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$184.74
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$17.92
JEFFRES	GRAVEL	\$9,768.44
LEVI WILLIAMS	PHONE	\$40.00
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
MAVERICK	SUPPLIES	\$60.00
NMC	PART/REPAIRS	\$3,050.28
		\$30,524.91

Larson moved to allow the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The board reviewed the Sheriffs Quarterly report, Treasurer's tax remaining reports, Fund Balances and Budget remaining spreadsheets.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 277.

Sarah Sortum and Sue Ann Switzer presented to the board information regarding the lodging tax, how it is collected and dispersed. Sortum went in to detail about the State Tourism Board, she is the representative for the Sandhills district. Sarah also handed out reports for the State and Loup County on travel, spending, employment and revenue. Grants are awarded locally for projects that will draw visitors to the county through the Visitor's Committee. Switzer went over the functions of the Visitor's Committee, including members and duties. Marah Sandoz, a member of the Visitor's Committee received the visionary award from the Nebraska State Tourism Committee.

Zoning administrator Shepard met with the board to discuss options for address posting requirements in the county. There is currently an issue with first responders being able to find residents. Region 26 does not require posting although it is strongly suggested. Region 26 would like the county to put a requirement in place. Discussion included but not limited to; what the requirements would be, size of signs and numbers and who would be responsible for purchasing the signs.

Chairman Larson opened the one and six road hearing at 2:28 PM.

Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, Clerk Ruzicka, and Hwy Superintendent Johnson. Highway Superintendent Johnson presented the one- and six-year road plan. Topics include but are not limited to; Almeria Bridge, South Lake Road, Upstream Bridge, Liddy Bridge and Porcupine Bridge. Steckel moved to adopt a resolution to accept the one and six road plan as presented by the Highway Superintendent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 278.

Highway Superintendent Johnson presented a 3 year agreement for his services as Hwy Superintendent through Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. Larson moved to enter into

said agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Hwy Superintendent reviewed a Master agreement Land Survey as presented for consideration by the State of Nebraska Dept. of Roads. NDOT would pay \$600 for each corner found, this would not cover the expense of finding the corner but would be better than nothing. State law requires the county to be responsible for finding corners.

Steckel moved to adopt a resolution entering into a 5 year Master Agreement with NDOT concerning a process to provide survey services for HWY projects withing the boundaries of Loup County. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to sign the National Functional System Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to pass a resolution to continue an agreement with Loup Central Landfill for Loup County to be represented by David Larson and Donna Steckel as an alternate.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup  
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka  
Loup County Clerk